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Student advocates of North Dakota (SAND)
Testimony on HB 1508
Joint Technical Corrections Committee
Tuesday November 9th

RE: Testimony in Opposition of HB 1508

Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives of the Joint Technical Corrections Committee:

I urge a DO NOT PASS recommendation on HB 1508.

My Name is Truman Hamburger, and I am a senior at Dickinson High School and wholeheartedly disagree with what you say but would die for your right to say it. I urge you to uphold the ingrained American value of free speech. The first amendment states: "Congress shall make no law... prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;..." and while you may have opinions on the validity of critical race theory that is negligent of the fact you are constitutionally bound to uphold our free speech, something that you cannot do if you mean to pass this bill prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory in public schools.